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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Andreas Jäger

APPARATUS FOR SECURING WATER AERATING DEVICES TO AIR SUPPLY

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 Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 7 pages specification, 3 pages (10) claims, 1 page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 1 page, 5 figures, drawings in support of the above identified application.

CONDUITS

- It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of August 21, 2000, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 100 41 147.9. A certified copy of said priority document will be filed later.
 - I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$710.00* to cover the official fees of: Basic fee

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It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages of fees required be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653

Respectfully.

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